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EDITORIAL

A Step In The Right Direction

Congressman Gerald Studds (D. Mass.): "With two or three more seizures, we'll have far fewer violations of the law." The Congressman was referring to the seizure of the Soviet trawler, the Taras Shevchenko, captured on April 9, 1977 for carrying a catch of herring that exceeded the limit.

We agree! The people fought hard to have a 200 Mile Limit law passed, and it would be a great injustice if the law were not now enforced. We must remember that any responsive legislation has two parts: the written portion and the enforcement aspect.

We must point out that other Soviet ships are known to have violated the law prior to April 9, 1977. Violations were noted on March 29th, April 2nd, and April 4th, 1977. However, Warren Christopher, Deputy Secretary of State, and Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's advisor on national security, discussed the violations and decided not to take action. The State Department has always been openly opposed to the 200 Mile Limit and, therefore their reluctance to act on the law should come as no surprise.

The violation of the law by the Taras Shevchenko, however, was too much to ignore in the face of a U.S. warning against violations sent to the Soviets on April 5, 1977.

As White House officials put it: "The obvious is that you have a five state area (in the Northeast) that is going berserk: the Congressmen, the newspapers."

Pressure from the people caused the State Department and President Carter to re-examine the official U.S. position. AND IT IS GOOD!

It seems to us that the Soviets can offer no reasonable excuses for "... the number and seriousness of the ... fishing violations." The Soviets were kept well informed about both the status and the provisions of the law. The Soviets were permitted to file for, and received, permits for some vessels to fish inside the 200 Mile fishing jurisdictional zone. The Soviets were officially warned against further violations on April 5, 1977, affording ample time to direct the Taras Shevchenko to waters outside the zone and to order the vessel to keep the catch within the quotas under which the permit to fish was issued.

It is the opinion of The Long Island Fisherman that given the above parameters and circumstances that maximum penalties be assessed against the Soviets and the ship's captain. The law provides for three punitive choices.

1. Issue a warning citation.
2. Assess a fine of up to $25,000.
3. The ship's captain can be imprisoned for up to one year, a fine assessed up to $100,000, and the ship's fish cargo confiscated.

The third alternative would be a charge of criminal action and this charge seems warranted. President Carter was concerned that the law demanded enforcement, but at the same time, expressed fears that strict enforcement might generate new problems in Soviet-American foreign policy arrangements.

What we must not forget is that both the passage of the law and its enforcement are in the best interests of this nation and its people. Therefore, we must not shrink from action because of a vaporous fear that Soviet-American relations will worsen.

It is very unlikely that there will be any change in Soviet-American relations. To begin with, relations are not exactly perfect. There is conflict in a number of areas, including U.S statements about Civil Rights in the Soviet Union, South Africa, the Middle East, China, and nuclear disarmament. Is our own economic and ecological future less important than the above areas? Second, the United States is not denying entry to Soviet fishing vessels in our territorial waters. Rather, we have issued permits that are designed to limit the number of foreign vessels, the size of the catch, and the areas of harvest. Thus, it is foolish to believe that the Soviets will create a major diplomatic crisis when they already have fishing access.

Nonetheless, we must be willing to accept the possibility of a crisis, because the ecological and economic future of this nation is at stake.

And let's not forget that there are other foreign vessels that might find excuses to violate the law, and we must be prepared to exercise the full measure of the law against ANY violations.

It is a step in the right direction, but it is a step that must be followed by many more consistent steps.

William O'Keefe

CHUM LINES

QUESTION ON L.I. SPORTFISHING COUNCIL

I read with interest your article announcing the formation of the Long Island Sportfishing Council, but my interest soon turned to dismay. It seems that you have covered all those representing clubs or organizations, but have left the individual out. At first I thought the At-Large seat was for the individual fishermen who do not belong to a club or organization, but found that seat was designated for someone other than an "individual fisherman."

I do not now, nor intend to become a member of a fishing club or organization. I intend to remain an individual sportfisherman, or if you wish, a loner. I find it distressing that I, and many others who feel as I do, will not be represented by my "peers" on the Long Island Sportfishermen Council.

I feel that the majority of sportfishermen on Long Island do not belong to any club or organization, yet your proposed council completely ignores this group? May I ask why? *Robert A. Gardner, Farmingdale.*

Your point it well taken, and we have given it much thought. The Long Island Sportfishing Council is just in the process of being formed, with its first official meeting on May 25th at the Holiday Inn in Plainview. It will be brought up at that time and hopefully a way can be found to give non-affiliated individual fishermen some form of representation. Scott S.

L.I.F.'s SALT WATER FISHING CONTEST RULES

Concerning LIF's Saltwater Fishing Contest, enclosed is the related application, which you will note is only partially completed.

While interest in this contest was expressed, at its most recent meeting, our organization's Board of Directors reviewed the application. Several questions were raised which were unanswerable due to a lack of information on the type of contest under consideration and the rules relative thereto?

Based upon the uncertainty surrounding the contest, and the terminology used on the application, we are reluctant to sign and have same Notarized.

As our clubs "Fish Committee Chairman," I have been directed to request a copy of the contest rules and regulations, to facilitate a better understanding of what the contest is about. *Fred Schwab, V. Pres. & Fish Committee Chmn, High Hill Striper Club*

We have had several fishing clubs making similar requests, so in next week's issue of L.I.F. all the rules and regulations of the contest will be published for all to see, including the registration form to be filled out and sent in. Scott S.

Pass It On...

ORROK REVEALS BUNKER DUNKING TECHNIQUES FOR GIANT STRIPED BASS

On Tuesday night, April 26th, the Hudson River Fishermen's Association will sponsor a seminar featuring Bob Orrok, a striped bass fisherman, well known for his outstanding ability to catch giant striped bass on live bunker. Bob also writes a lively, fact-filed column for the **Observer**, located in Toms River. He will be joined by Dave May, an award-winning photographer, with a slide presentation that will literally have fishermen jumping out of their seats!

Orrok's program is designed to get striped bass fans ready for the annual spring run as bass pour out of the Hudson and up from the Chesapeake. He will cover in great detail the exact methods to rig aerators, different methods to hook bunker to "steer" the baits to huge fish, how to locate bunker and snag a day's supply. He will reveal exact locations for taking striped bass from Sandy Hook to Island Beach, plus show the tackle he uses, how he rigs up, and how he finds hungry bass.

HRFA President, Paul Gamba, advises visiting fishermen to come early to get a good seat—the last HRFA seminar had people standing in the aisles!

The presentation will begin promptly at 8:00 P.M., in the banquet room of the **Village Harbor Inn** on Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, N.J. A $1 donation will be collected at the door, and all proceeds from the show will be sent to the Striped Bass Fund. There will be plenty of door prizes and refreshments are always available. Come early and bring a friend.

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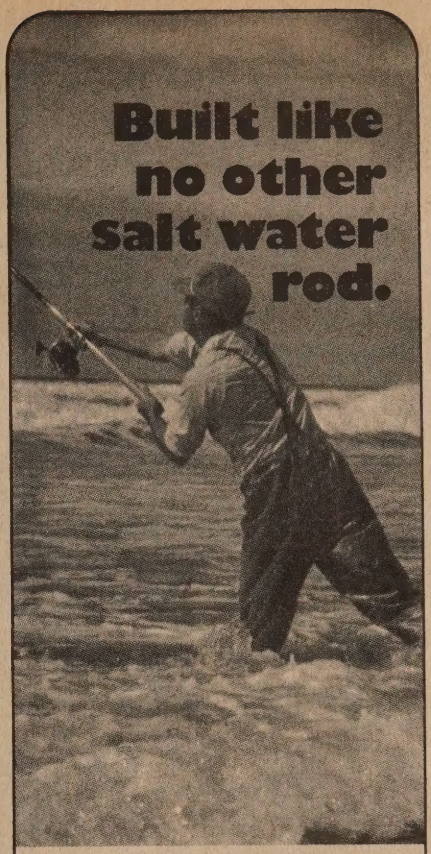

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CONSERVATION COMMENTS *by Al Ristori*

The latest information supplied by Jack Casey, Chuck Stillwell and Wes Pratt relating to shark tagging in 1976 provides some interesting insights into these fascinating creatures. While this is a Federal program, most tagging is done by rod and reel fishermen, cooperating on a voluntary basis.

Last year, a record total of 2043 sharks were tagged "privately," while only 145 were tagged by biologists. Both the total number of tagged sharks (2188) and the number of recoveries (76) set records. Even in the case of recoveries, anglers set the pace. Forty-three (57%) of the tag returns came from rod and reel fishermen, while 22 (29%) were taken by longliners and 11 (14%) by "other" methods. Sport fishermen had originally tagged 59 (78%) of the sharks recovered last year.

The most interesting recovery was that of a sandbar (brown) which set a record for time-at-liberty. Originally tagged off Edisto Beach, South Carolina in September, 1966, it was recaptured last November at Jacksonville, Florida—after 10 years and 45 days of freedom. However, the amazing aspect of the catch wasn't the fact that the shark had carried the tag so long, but rather, it's lack of growth. When released, the sandbar was accurately measured at 7' 4". Ten years later, it was actually two inches shorter! As is the case with many sharks, the sandbar appears to be both long-lived and slow growing. This characteristic combined with a low reproductive rate, makes sharks very vulnerable to heavy fishing pressure.

Not surprisingly, blue sharks accounted for most of last year's returns (43). Though blues take a back seat to Makos in popularity, they are the most common offshore shark in our waters—and are also common in the Mediterrenean and around the Canary Islands. Considerable evidence, obtained from tagging studies, indicates that blues range between the Gulf Stream and our coastline in the western Atlantic. Lengthy movements aren't uncommon, but many recoveries are made in the same vicinity—either within a few days, or in following years.

Tag returns also indicate that, while immature female blue sharks are common inshore off New York and southern New England during June, they are far outnumbered by males later in the summer. Moreover, adult females are rarely found inshore anywhere in the western Atlantic. A record for time-at-liberty was also set for blue sharks. A fish that had originally been "free" tagged by a biologist off No Man's Land, Massachusetts, was recovered seventy-one months later by a longliner working east of Cape Hatteras.

It's not difficult to understand why relatively few Makos are tagged. They are hard to come by at best, and also represent lots of steaks that are very similar to Swordfish. Nevertheless, 18 were tagged last year, and three returns came in. One Mako, tagged off Oregon Inlet, North Carolina in May, 1972, was recaptured off Martha's Vineyard in September.

A particularly fascinating return was that of a tag which had been placed on a spiny dogfish off Rhode Island. It was found on a beach on the Island of Ven, off the south coast of Sweden, two-and-a-half years later. That represents a distance of 3400 miles, but can't be considered official since only the tag was found.

Shark tagging is both good sport and an important contribution to conservation. While there is currently no commercial shark fishery off our coasts, it is likely that such fisheries will be established in the future. Foreign longliners presently take many tons of shark fins in their operation, and it's only a matter of time before greater utilization is made of this primitive creature. More information is needed now! Unfortunately, due to government cutbacks, the shark tagging program is almost totally dependent on angler assistance.

If you'd like to help, contact Jack Casey at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Center, Narragansett Lab., Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882. If you're an active shark fisherman, Jack will supply you with tags at no charge. However, please only take those tags if you're going to use them—the supply is limited. There's a $5 reward for tag returns.

Killing a bunch of blue, brown, and dusky sharks to stink up a dock, before being towed out to sea, doesn't make you a great fisherman—just a poor conservationist! This year, tag those fish and perhaps you'll join such famous anglers as Montauk Captains Frank Mundus and Paul Sundberg, and Atlantic Beach skippers Ron Lepper and Jessie York, on the honor roll of those having tagged sharks that are later recovered.

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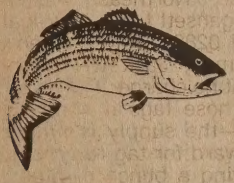
All entries received before July 5th will be eligible for a drawing for a 6/0 Senator Reel.

The Babylon Tuna Club, as always, emphasizes conservation of our valuable Tuna stocks and only Tuna of 14 lbs. or more will be eligible for the many prizes. The scientists at Wood's Hole Oceanographic Institute will assist us with research tags and tagging equipment. All Tuna under 14 lbs. will be tagged and released. Part of the proceeds of the tournament will be donated to the Wood's Hole Tuna Research Program. All fish brought to the dock will be sold to the public, with the proceeds being donated to the Association For Help of Retarded Children.

For more information and applications, please contact: John Fitzsimmons, 10 Patricia Court, North Babylon, New York 11703, 516-586-1325.



CLUB NEWS

NEW FISHING CLUB BEING FORMED

A new fishing club, the Great Gun Anglers, Inc., has been formed to promote sportfishing and marine conservation in the Moriches Bay Area. The group represents offshore and inshore fishermen, as well as freshwater anglers.

the club will begin the new season with its first tournament, a flounder derby, in April. That tourney, and a fluke derby scheduled for mid-May, will be open to club members only. All fishermen, however, will be able to participate in the club's First Annual Shark Tournament tentatively set for September 10th. Other tournaments, including a Striped Bass competition, are also being planned.

The newly elected officers of the club include: President - Stan Bigora; Vice President - Jim Haney; Treasurer - Ed Green, and Secretary - Tom Covitz. For further information, call Stan Bigora at 878-0228 or write Great Gun Anglers, P. O. Box 39, East Moriches, N.Y. 11970.

WANTS TO JOIN CLUB IN QUEENS

S. Lawner interested in joining a fishing club in Queens. Interested clubs can write him at: 226-11 88th Avenue, Queens Village, N.Y. 11427.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY FISHING CLUB BACK IN ACTION

Temporarily sidetracked by the New York City fiscal crisis and loss of his teaching position, Sheepshead Bay H.S. Faculty Advisor Will Daskal, is now back on the job, and once again, the school's Fishing Club is alive and well!

To celebrate the event, the club made its maiden voyage of the year on Capt. Tom Marconi's impeccable head boat, the Pilot II, out of Pier 7 in Sheepshead Bay.

Despite the usual blustery spring winds, the young proteges of Mr. Daskal did a creditable job on some nice flounders. Averaging better than six flatties per angler, Larry Goldbrum, Victor Smith, Rich Rosenfeld, Ed Kelman, Anthony Faciano, Marc Stern, Larry Wekeselblatt, Tim Howell and Scott Yagoda never lost their youthful enthusiasm when the winds really gusted and foiled the expert double anchoring job of the hospitable and courteous Pilot II crew.

The next club trip is slated for two or three weeks from now, when Capt. Marconi will be ready to begin the blackfish run.

ADVENTURERS ROD & GUN

The Adventurers Rod & Gun Club are holding their annual Venison Dinner-Dance on May 7, 1977, at the Jamaica Council K of C. Anyone wishing to attend, please write to the above address, or call Dom Gallo, 516-796-0590.

Also at this dinner, we will give out our awards for 1976 as follows:Bob Berger - Biggest Back, 1976; Bernnie Powers - Largest Blue, 19 lbs., 1976; Dom Gallo - largest Cod, 34 lbs., 3 oz., 1976. Both fish caught on the Peconic Queen, Montauk.

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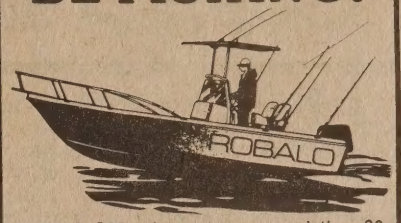

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Fish Talk with Dr. W.A. Muller

Atlantic Mackerel
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THE FAMILY SCOMBRIDAE includes the tunas and mackerels. These are fishes that roam the open ocean in schools. Even the giant bluefin tuna is a schooling fish and I've seen motion picture footage of schools of the huge beasts thrashing through bait like bluefish at Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia.

THE BODIES OF THESE FISH are very stream-lined and, in fact, they possess the most stream-lined body architecture. They are essentially a double pointed torpedo. The scales are tiny and smooth to reduce the rubbing friction generated when water pushes against the skin and in many species the dorsal fin folds away into a special slot at the top of the back which reduces the drag of the fins.

THE PELAGIC OR DEEP WATER fishes are truly magnificent swimming machines, but efficient body design, fin shape, scales and pointed body ends are not enough to achieve great speed and stamina. The mackerels must swim constantly and must be able to cover great distances within a relatively short period of time. The striped bass, although powerful, tires quickly because waste products from muscular contraction build up quickly in the muscles. The wastes promote muscle fatigue and soon the muscles will not respond regardless of how hard the fish tries. One way to solve this problem is to increase the amount of blood that flows to and away from the muscles. The blood not only brings food and oxygen to the muscles, but also carries away waste products to be removed from the body by the kidneys, liver, and bowels.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN the life style of a fish and the amount of vascularization of the muscle tissue can be understood easily by comparing a flounder, a striper, and a mackerel. Flounders have enough blood vessels in their muscles to satisfy their needs, but the flesh is white and the flounder swims slowly and not too far at any one time.

THE STRIPER MUST CHASE baitfish and must migrate considerable distances in a moderate amount of time. Thus, the number of blood vessels in the muscles of a bass are greater than in a flounder, but most of the flesh is white. Only the center strip contains a high number of vessels and this strip is red.

BUT THE MACKEREL ARE FISH of blood! Cut the flesh of a mackerel and it's pink or even red. The muscle tissue is loaded with blood vessels to satisfy the food, oxygen, and waste removal needs of their active life styles.

MOST MEMBERS OF THIS family are blue or green at the top of the back and this color becomes lighter towards the belly eventually becoming silver. The Boston mackerel has a number of black bars or lines which run from the dorsal fins and taper to nothing towards the belly.

THE BOSTON MACKEREL IS ONE of the most valuable east coast species of fish. They move up and down the Atlantic seaboard with the changing season. The fish is prolific so that when they are at the peak of their abundance they move in schools which may be one-half mile wide and twenty miles long.

MACKEREL APPEAR OFF THE Chesapeake in early April and then begin to migrate towards the north. They may arrive in New Jersey waters anywhere from mid-April in mild seasons to late April in cold ones. By late April or early May the fish are swarming off Long Island's south shore beaches. They continue to move northward and eventually settle down in the colder northern waters from Massachusetts to Nova Scotia. In the fall the migration is reversed, but few anglers seek them out mainly because the schools migrate a little further offshore but also because most fishermen are busy chasing striped bass and bluefish.

THE FISH DISAPPEAR INTO the deep ocean somewhere during the winter, but scientists know very little about this part of their cycle. They apparently spawn at this time. Each female can lay up to one-half a million eggs. The eggs are dispersed near the surface and hatch quickly.

MACKEREL ARE FOUND ON BOTH sides of the Atlantic Ocean. However, the bulk of the population resides between Labrador and Cape Hatteras.

ALTHOUGH MOST mackerel caught in our waters weigh about two pounds, specimens as large as seven pounds and two feet in length have been recorded. The fish grow quickly but have a relatively short life span.

MACKEREL HAVE MANY enemies! They are vulnerable both to man and beast. They travel in dense schools and seem to always be hungry. Nature deals with the success of mackerel in terms of great numbers. The mackerel must move quickly in dense schools because the tiny critters that they seek as food are scattered in dense swarms in the open ocean. In the open ocean there is no place to hide so schools of mackerel are very visible.

THE LIST OF PREDATORS is long. It includes whales, porpoises, mackerel sharks, dogfish, tunas, bonita, bluefish, striped bass, cod, squids, sea birds, and others less familiar to you.

THE STORY OF THE mackerel is a big one, too big to tell in its entirety here and now. Look for more on mackerel in this column in the weeks to come.

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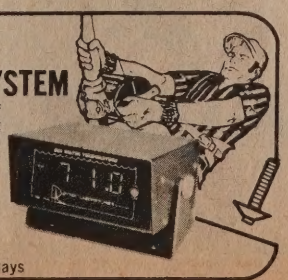

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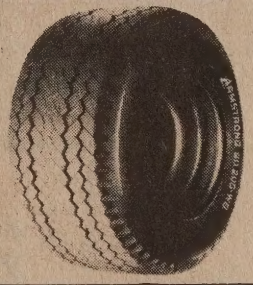

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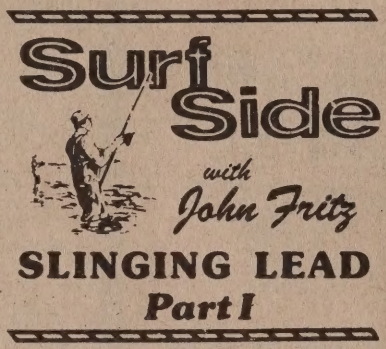
The advocates of sinker bouncing may receive scornful looks from certain purists who employ only the use of artificials in order to catch bass and blues from the surf. I would much rather catch fish using a plug but let's face it, there are times when the only way to get any action is to sling a baited hook into the suds.

The impression most people have of a surf fisherman is some guy who lofts his hook as far as possible into the water and then sits down relaxing; to bestir himself only when his beer runs out or a fish hooks itself and must be reeled in. Many big fish are taken by this method but those anglers who score with more consistency do not take this lackadaisical attitude.



Since your line, on most occasions, remains in the water for extended periods of time, there are several things which can happen to the business end of your rig. Crabs can be busy cleaning your hooks, eels can make one hell of a mess in their twisting efforts at freedom, small fish could have taken the tails off your worms, weed can completely engulf your hooks, etc. The smart fisherman is aware of any slight changes in his line and checks frequently to make sure the bait is presented in the most natural way possible. An angler fishing two rods in a dirty surf is a picture of activity who works almost as hard as the guy plugging.

There are times when heavy surf conditions make it almost impossible to hold bottom even with the addition of all the lead your equipment can handle. The use of a longer sand spike will often alleviate this problem by raising your line above the pull of the waves breaking on the beach. When an excessive amount of weed is present in the wash the extra height allows you to hold the line above this nuisance thereby cutting down on the added drag.

These sand spikes can be fashioned easily enough by obtaining a 4 foot piece of angle iron or aluminum, which is lighter and less likely to rust. Fasten your standard spike to the angle iron with stainless steel hose clamps available at any auto parts store. These spikes will be easier to work into the sand if a V cut is made on the penetrating end. One item to remember is that if you are short and the spike is too long, difficulty will be encountered when lifting the rod out of the spike under the pull of a heavy fish.

Most surfcasters wearing waders walk out into the wash as far as they dare and lean into the cast with all their strength trying to heave the rigs as far out as possible. They are amazed when some guy comes along with makeshift equipment and struggles to barely cast his line beyond the wash but manages to hook and land some beautiful fish.

The lesson should be obvious but I'm not about to state simply that you should just cast your rig into the wash. Many times we do overcast the fish, but a long cast is often necessary. One way to solve this indecision is to use 2 rods; casting one line short and the other line long. Another method used to cover as much bottom as possible is to cast as far as you are able and slowly with intermittent pauses, reel the bait towards the beach.

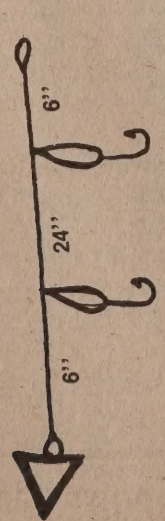
A variation to this method can be used to advantage when no amount of weight or height will hold bottom. As your line is swept along the bottom you can hold your position and reel in only when your rig travels too far down the beach. If crowding is not a problem walking your line along the beach can often be used to save an otherwise impossible situation.

The former method is used with success when fishing places with stronger rips and treacherous footing such as the southeast corner of the Sore Thumb. The latter method is employed where the current is strong and usually combined with quantities of weed such as found in the Old Channel section of Cedar Beach.

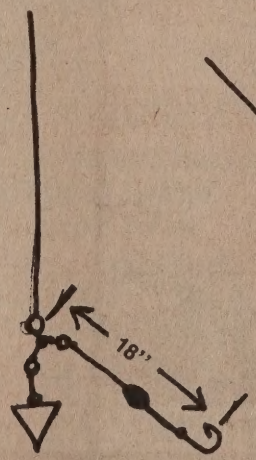
The types and sizes of your rod and reel can vary greatly in relation to the quarry sought, the bait to be used, the terrain to be fished and the surf conditions present. When fishing worms for school bass from such north shore beaches as Little Neck Bay or Crabmeadow, medium tackle is sufficient, in fact called for if any kind of fight is to be expected from the small fish. If you intend to sling eels in the south shore surf, 11 or 13 foot sticks with large capacity reels should be employed enabling one to cast the clumsy weight in a heavy surf.

I will not go into suggesting different makes and models of rods and reels because I strictly use Crack 300 reels on 11 or 13 foot Lamiglass blanks for my south shore fishing and have not tested other outfits. If lighter outfits are to be used, in calmer areas, just about any combination able to handle the weight of bait and sinker is sufficient, as long as the reel has a smooth drag.

Since the introduction of the spinning reel, the conventional reel has almost disappeared from the surfcasting scene. However, in recent years some sharpies have switched back to the revolving spool reels. Conventional reels provide better control during run-offs. Many anglers who go back to the old ways are purchasing the expensive Ambassadeur 9000.



Pompano Rig



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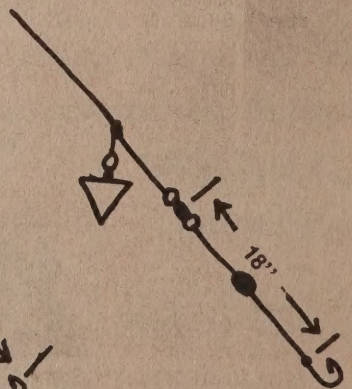

Fish Finder Rig

Al Mathews, recently back from a casting tournament in St. Louis, feels that the Penn 155 or 200 will work as well with less of a cash outlay. The Penn 140 Squidder of course, is the old standby with many years of service to its credit.

There are three basic terminal rigs used when bottom fishing in the surf: the fish finder, the surf rig and the pompano rig. Each has its advantages when used for specific purposes but there is no strict rule that must be adhered to except when fishing live eels. A fish finder rig is required for eel fishing. There are many variables to be considered even when using one particular rig. Distance from sinker to hook or the length of the leader can mean the difference between a full stringer or disappointment. Normally this is not as important in surf fishing as compared to bottom fishing from a boat, where your line is virtually perpendicular to the bottom.

A couple of examples will make this point. In the spring the theory is that the bass are sluggish, therefore, a short leader should be used because a long leader allows the bait to swing wildly in a rough surf. At times when using a cork on a fish finder rig, the cork could float the worms too high off the bottom to be effective. Differences in terrain, surf, bait used, and feeding habits of the fish are some variables to be considered when rigging your terminal gear. No cut and dry statement is possible as each outing is a new experience with ever changing conditions.

As a general idea on how some of these rigs are used in a few places around the Island, I'll give a couple examples.

The fish finder with cork is used for fishing worms in places such as Breezy Point, Crabmeadow or Split Rock. The fish finder is the most often used terminal rig when fishing live eels on an Island-wide basis. The pompano rig is sometimes used in early spring with bloodworms at Cedar and Malibu where a short leader is deemed desirable at this time of year. This rig is more often used with skimmer clam or cut bait later in the season along Cedar and Gilgo.

The surf rig can be used with either worms or cut bait on most beaches, sometimes tying a dropper loop on the leader of the hook and adding an additional hook.

The most often used sinker when fishing on sandy bottom is the pyramid. The flat sides of this sinker hinder it from being rolled along the bottom. The bank sinker or better yet, the pencil sinker is employed when the bottom is covered with rocks. The weight of course is dependent on the condition of the surf and the strength of your equipment.

Weights are also used to take the baited hook to the bottom but then allowed to drift along with the current. When the angler wishes to cover more area, bank sinkers are used to advantage, for they will roll along the sand more easily.

Drails, while mostly used from boats while trolling, are occasionally used when fishing live eels in rocky areas with exceptionally strong currents. The slim profile lessens the chance of hanging up as the eel is cast up-current and allowed to drift down-tide.

In Part II of this article we will get into the business end of your whole outfit. This will cover your hooks and what to adorn them with in order to entice those bass and blues to choose your line for their meal.

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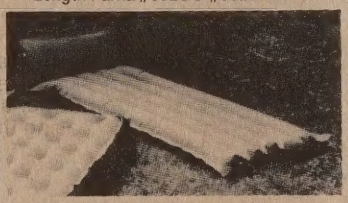

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INLAND/INTERNATIONAL Day Shapes & Night Lights

When should the running lights of your vessel on all waters be displayed? A reasonable question deserves an answer. In the daytime during periods of poor visibility (rain, snow, fog, etc.) and from sunset to sunrise. The word "visible" when applied to lights shall mean visible on a dark night with a clear atmosphere. The running lights on your vessel were never meant to be used as headlights to brighten up the surrounding water. Their primary function is defensive for the prevention of collision with few exceptions. All vessels shall display running lights in periods of poor visibility and from sunset to sunrise. This brings up a disturbing situation that many of us are guilty of, especially during those summer evenings when you are on the bay or inlets drifting around for whatever purpose you desire. Do not extinguish your running lights! It is dangerous and it's against the law. You are responsible for the drift of your boat. However, if your vessel is less than 150 feet in length and you are at anchor, but not in a designated anchorage area then display one white 32 point light and you can extinguish your running lights.

Rowboats under (sail or oars) need not have running lights, but must display a white light in ample time when another vessel is approaching. This is to prevent collision with another craft. At night it is a good practice to extinguish cabin lights or deck lights when underway. These lights definitely interfere with running lights and may be very difficult for another skipper to distinguish. International rules dictate that all vessels traveling on the high seas shall display appropriate lights.

Lights prescribed under International rules may be carried and displayed on inland waters, but not in reverse. It might be a good idea to rig your vessel for International lights if you are going to travel on those waters during part of your boating time. All lights have a degree of visibility and this is known as an arc of visibility. 1 point is equal to 11¼ degrees of your compass. Therefore, a 10 point port light is the same as 112½ degrees. Combine your port and starboard lights for a total of 20 points or 225 degrees. The stern light should be 12 points or 135 degrees. If you combine the port, starboard and stern light, the total combination is 32 points or 360 degrees.

No matter how you approach a vessel at night you will see one or more running lights, and as I pointed out before this is to prevent collision. I have not mentioned range lights. Consult C.G. 169, Chapmans or any official book for your particular vessel. Many outboard boats do not have a 12 point stern light, but instead they display a 32 point stern light. Technically speaking this is an anchor light, which should be located in the forward part of your vessel. All stern lights should be on the transom as high as possible and on the centerline.

Because there is cutout on the transom and the outboard motor would cover this light, then the transom light would have to be located to either side of the motor. The 12 point stern light is for international waters.

You may be thinking of how complicated all this is, but remember it's the law. May I make a suggestion. Form a piece

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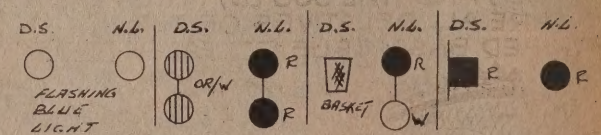
During daylight hours certain vessels are doing specific chores and they can be recognized by a specific display on or near the topmost part of that vessel. At night there is a counter part called night lights also displayed near the top of the vessel so they won't interfere with the running lights. I must repeat, if in doubt of the vessels day shape or night light, keep clear even if you feel that you are privileged. Be defensive, not offensive.

In this chapter I specifically stated for each mariner to research his own vessel to determine what range lights are required but I did not give their intended value. Range lights are generally higher and brighter than the side lights; therefore, these lights will be seen first. Should you notice these lights directly in a line, one over the other, then that vessel is steaming directly towards you and collision could exist. Should the lower range light be observed to the left or right of the upper range light then you can safely assume that vessel is changing course. I said assume. The wise skipper never takes another vessels' action for granted.

In this issue I have illustrated day shapes and corresponding night lights for Inland-International waters. These particular illustrations will be in black and white, but the color schedule will be noted.

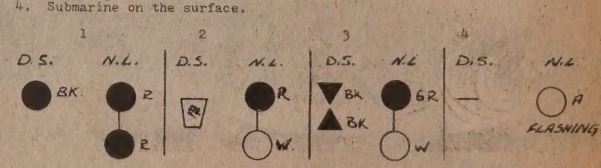
Inland-Day Shapes-Night Lights

1. Law Enforcement.
2. Coast Guard handling aids to navigation.
3. Fishing vessel.
4. Dangerous cargo



International-Day Shapes-Night Lights

1. Vessel not under command.
2. Fishing.
3. Trawling.
4. Submarine on the surface.



Notes:

1. These are a few of the many identifying shapes and lights that can be observed.
2. Color schedule: A=Amber; BK=black; BL=blue; R=red; W=white; OR=orange; GR=green.
3. Trawling- Dragging of a dredge net or other apparatus through the water.
4. Fishing-Fishing with nets, lines, but does not include trolling lines.

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THE FISHERMAN "IQ" TEST

(1) SHARKS CAN SMELL BLOOD IN THE WATER OVER A QUARTER OF A MILE. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

ANSWERS AT BOTTOM OF PAGE.

(2) EASTERN BROOK TROUT ARE CAUGHT IN ☐ ONTARIO, CAN. ☐ COLORADO AND ☐ ALBERTA, CAN.

(3) PIKE AND PICKEREL GO OFF THEIR FEED BECAUSE THEY LOSE SOME OF THEIR TEETH CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(4) MORE THAN 35 WORLD-RECORD MARINE FISH COVERING 13 DIFFERENT SPECIES HAVE BEEN CAUGHT OFF PANAMA. WHAT DOES THE WORD "PANAMA" MEAN IN THE LOCAL INDIAN LANGUAGE ?

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(5) WEIRD FISH DEPARTMENT. THIS CHARACTER GROWS 10-20 FT. AND IS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR MYTHICAL TALES OF SEA SERPENTS. CAN YOU IDENTIFY IT ?

(6) WHY ARE NOT SOFT-SHELLED LOBSTERS AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET AS ARE SOFT-SHELLED CRABS ?

(7) BLACK SEA BASS (A), WHITE PERCH (B) AND THE 300 LB. NILE PERCH (C) ARE ALL RELATIVES OF THE STRIPED BASS. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

A

B

C

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1 – TRUE. 2 – ALL THREE. BROOKIES WERE INTRODUCED AND STOCKED SUCCESSFULLY. 3 – FALSE. THE FISH JUST AREN'T HUNGRY. 4 – "LOTS OF FISH!" 5 – OARFISH. 6 – ALTHOUGH DELICIOUS THERE IS NO MARKET FOR THEM AND THE FLESH IS SOMEWHAT UNAPPETIZING BROWN IN COLOR. 7 – TRUE.

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

Portrait of a Bergall

One day last fall while blackfishing off the west breakwater at Shinnecock Inlet, my attention was diverted by a nearby sinker bouncer who had just caught a small bergall. This dubious achievement was immediately greeted by loud jeers and guffaws from neighboring fishermen.

The chagrined angler ruefully glanced my way and complained: "Cripes! No matter where I fish, I catch bergalls."

How true.

Although actually innocent and undeserving of the many harsh words hurled its way, the bergall (*Tautogolabrus adsperus*) has always been the bane of sportfishermen, especially so to the fisherman with blackfish on his mind. It's a fact, too, that any angler who can outwit the bergall is not only a good fisherman, he's a miracle worker. So, with this in mind, let's look a bit at this toothy, industrious fish, whose only friend seems to be the bait supplier.

In many localities, local fish are known by more than one name and the bergall is no exception. Should you hear fishermen say all they got last time out was a mess of large cunners, don't bother sharpening hooks in the anticipation new fishing horizons may be opening. This is the name given to the bergall by most New England and New Jersey fishermen.

Bergalls belong to the wrasse family, some of whose members are those exotic, colorful fish of the Florida reefs. They are also closely related to the blackfish and where one is found, there you will find the other. Seldom do blackfish outnumber bergalls on the same fishing grounds.

While blackfish coloration is predominately black or brown, it is difficult to describe the many-hued bergall. Shades of green, blue, yellow, and brown are common, but at anytime one may be caught that is peppered with black spots or have dark bars running over the sides. Occasionally, one will be dark red or bright green.

Many years ago, U.S. fisheries scientists Bigelow and Welsh said of these fish: "To describe the color of the cunner is to list all the colors of the bottom on which it lives, it being one of the most variable of fishes."

Food is always a problem for all fish, but where the bergall is concerned, anything that lives in its environment is grist to its mill. Its natural food consists of mussels, barnacles, shrimp, infant clams, all marine worms, fish eggs, and any young fish they can handle, including their own. They are highly destructive to young lobsters.

Bergall strips provide an excellent supply of fresh bait for fluke, sea bass and cod.

Most fishermen agree that where bergalls are found, it is just about impossible not to catch them. I believe thereby lies the reason bergalls are villified and maligned, for many anglers feel any fish this easy to catch isn't worth the effort. Surprisingly, though, bergalls are often purposely fished for by veteran and novice alike. They find them not only good eating and good sport on light tackle, but a sure way to hone their fishing skills.

Bergalls caught close to shore are usually small, rarely exceeding eight inches in length, but throughout the deep water of Long Island Sound and on the offshore grounds, they will often reach two and a half pounds. Some fishermen claim a weight of three pounds is attained, but I've never seen one this size. One spot noted for harboring out-sized bergalls is the 17-Fathom Bank off New Jersey.

While the spawning of its cousin the blackfish is usually completed by June's end, the bergalls breeding season runs throughout the summer from June to September. Blackfish eggs seem to do well in temperature of 68-72 degrees, but bergall spawn suffers heavily should the temperature drop below 70 degrees.

Spawnings that occur later in the season when the water is warmest, meet with more success. But even then, these delicate eggs are still not in the clear as at anytime abnormally cold currents can wreak havoc. The bergall has a tough time of it, but enough survive to foster the species and pester the life out of dyed-in-the-wool bottom fishermen in search of blackfish, porgies, seabass, and cod.

Because of their notorious bait-stealing habits, bergalls are not well regarded by the average fisherman, but they are far from being a trash fish. Many years ago, these fish supported a small but prosperous commercial fishery, particularly throughout New England where the average bergall is larger. To the present day, a demand still exists which is satisfied by a few hard-working commercial fishermen who employ large specially constructed fish traps over choice areas.

Many fishermen, including myself, have found bergalls to be a fine food fish, the meat being sweet and flaky. Because small bergalls are too bony to compensate for the effort involved, good-sized fish are needed to make it worthwhile. When large bergalls are caught, interested fishermen should save a few and try them. They are easily prepared and best when turned into fillets. Pan-fried bergalls are delicious, too.

To prepare whole fish for the pan, it's best to skin them. Bergall scales are nearly as tough to remove as those on blackfish. Remove the head and then cut along both sides of the dorsal fin, then around each side of the anal fin to the vent. Make a shallow inward cut at the aft section of each fin and then grasp with the aid of a rag or newspaper and lift out. The skin, when started at the shoulder, peels off easily.

If you'd rather fillet, remove the head, but don't bother to skin or lift out the fins; it isn't necessary. Slice the meat from the sides, following the contour of the fish, and remove. Then make a cut through the meaty side of the fillet to the skin about a half-inch in from the tail-end. Hold the knife there and pull the skin toward you with sideway motions against the slightly beveled knife blade. Takes but seconds.

I don't know if it is necessary to tell any sinker bouncer how to catch bergalls as these fish seem to have an affinity for commiting suicide, but rigging is the same as for blackfish. The best bait is skimmer—or any type of clam. Conch is a fine bait as its leather-like toughness makes rebaiting less frequent. As for hooks, any of the short-shanked varieties ranging from number six for inshore fishing to a 1/0 for the larger offshore fish will be found to be satisfactory. It will take a little experience to get the feel for the exact instant to sink the hook—they aren't called bait-stealers without good reason; but this acquired skill is sure to help develop a sensitive feel for more wary fish.

And don't forget too, that the successful blackfisherman is the one who has learned to distinguish between the bite of the speedy bergall and the no nonsense approach of his desired quarry.

Now that a new fishing season has begun, it behooves all sinker bouncers to learn how to live with the bergall. You may be sure that, for better or worse, the bergall will always be with us. Some bottom fishermen may even find the bergall isn't such a bad fellow after all.

LONESOME GEORGE

by George Gerholdt

After chasing fish with a boat for close to 20 years, I have found that most of us boat owners are a bunch of packrats. The very thing we complain about, the crowded weekends in the bays, are exactly the same thing most of us will end up doing in the ocean. The average boat owner/fisherman immediately after leaving the inlet, either gets on the radio and finds out where all the boats are or, if they're visible he heads for them. Now this may be fine when the fish are in a feeding frenzy, such as their migratory runs when you can darn near shovel them in the boat. Even the almighty Roccus Saxatilis, who eludes us all summer long, gorge themselves when they make their last run before the winter. During this period boat traffic and even the improperly presented lures seem to make little difference (except for last year.)

Sometime ago I asked myself just why, after leaving the bay fishing because of overcrowding, I was doing the same thing in the ocean. Granted there is safety in numbers, but in most instances when sea conditions are that bad most of us wouldn't be off the beach, therefore I decided it was time I went on my own. To a good degree since then, I have found that I fare better than my comrades who are all bunched up in a little patch of ocean. I found it to be particularly true when trolling, and have had a good amount of success when chumming. Attempting to reason this out I have come to one conclusion, that being ole lonesome I damn sure cover a lot more territory in one day's trolling. The possibility of spooking fish because of boat traffic was reduced to an absolute minimum, one boat, mine.

Those of us who brave the elements during the winter months in search of cod crave for solitude. The reason, simply because boat traffic will spook the fish. Now if this holds true from November through April, is there another factor that negates this spring and summer? Not to my knowledge. Noise has and for most species of fish tends to frighten them. Compound the motor noise of your boat by the entire fleet and even the most curious of fish will retreat to the safety of the depths.

And speaking of depths, another factor I have found which encouraged me to seek the lonesome path was that with the advent of wire line trolling we were able to bring our lures to greater depths, but when fishing depths of 50 to 60 feet just how much wire line was prudent. I found that using over 350 feet of wire and the angler fighting a fish from a boat out of gear more fish were lost than landed. It takes a fair amount of time to fight the fish on the light trolling tackle I prefer, and the blues manage to shake the hook in this time. Bring the lures in to shorter distances and you've lost the depth. I now rarely use more than 300 feet of line. Should my recorder register fish, but I'm experiencing an acute lack of hook-ups, I have found a method to bring the lures deeper without letting out additional line. In shallow water most anglers attempting to make sharp turns will gun the engine to keep the lure from foul hooking the bottom rather than bother to bring the line in. This is exactly what I do, make smaller or sharp turns, but I do not increase the boat speed. The lures went down and the hook-ups came. This method most certainly could never be accomplished in the tight crowded conditions experienced with the large groups of boats.

Now I am sure while you are reading this the thought has come across that all this is great, but just in what direction does one go when he leaves that inlet. My method is fairly simple. After reading the weekly reports in the Long Island Fisherman, and sports writers like Keating, etc., I form my ideas as to where these fish have been or a good probability where they may be hanging around. Now I am not talking about that tremendous large school of blues that all the party boats in creation are after, but the small pods or stragglers if you want. There won't be terrific action, but enough to keep you interested in a day's fishing. An additional bonus if that small pack does happen to surface, we can break out those spinning rods and have them all to ourselves, rather than an inexperienced fisherman who is trolling through them and sending them down in a few short minutes.

Now another astonishing fact about the packrat fisherman came to my attention a number of years back. I live geographically about midway between East Rockaway and Jones Inlet, and depending on conditions and my plan for the day, use either inlet. It became very evident to me that the boats coming out of either inlet seem to stay fairly close to that inlet. By that I mean those using Jones would fish the Pink Lady (Lido Beach Hotel) area or a little west of it, but very rarely venture to the Atlantic Beach area. Conversely, those coming out of East Rockaway, if they worked east again, were guilty of the same movement. The only condition, and I mean only, that would entice one to cross that imaginary line that divides an approximate 13 mile distance between inlets would be the mention of catching fish on the radio, if that person using the radio was foolish enough to give his position all boundary restrictions were lifted.

To this day it still amazes me that a great number of fishermen are guilty of that ever-spiraling circle in a limited area, such as Lido, etc. They are not catching fish, but will persistently dog that one small expanse of water. My method is that should I decide to go out of Jones to fish from east to west, rather than make those never ending circles I set a zig-zag pattern, starting in as low as 15 feet of water and going into depths as much as 45-50. When I have reached Debs Inlet, and provided I have found some indications on my recorder of fish present, I reverse and come back in the opposite direction. When fish are found in a particular depth we then simply work that depth. By this method I can cover a greater distance of beach, work a greater range of depth, and relieving the boredom to some extent, because it requires changing the amount of line according to the depth of water. One comment I have received from some of my fishing comrades in defense of their circular pattern is that they only intend fishing for a couple of hours.

That same couple of hours, using my method, can get me from Jones to East Rockaway or reverse, and almost from Jones to Fire Island. An added bonus when sea conditions are on the sloppy side—I have found it much easier to ease my way out of Jones, work the pattern I established towards Debs and if the tide was now going out, found it far easier to sneak in Debs rather than fight the condition of Jones.

So, the next time you are one of 50 to 100 boats at the Colera, the Acid Stain, or any of the other popular spots and things are definitely slow, try ole lonesome's remedy and find your own little patch of lonesomeness.

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Long Island Sound Mackerel

by Ron Onorato

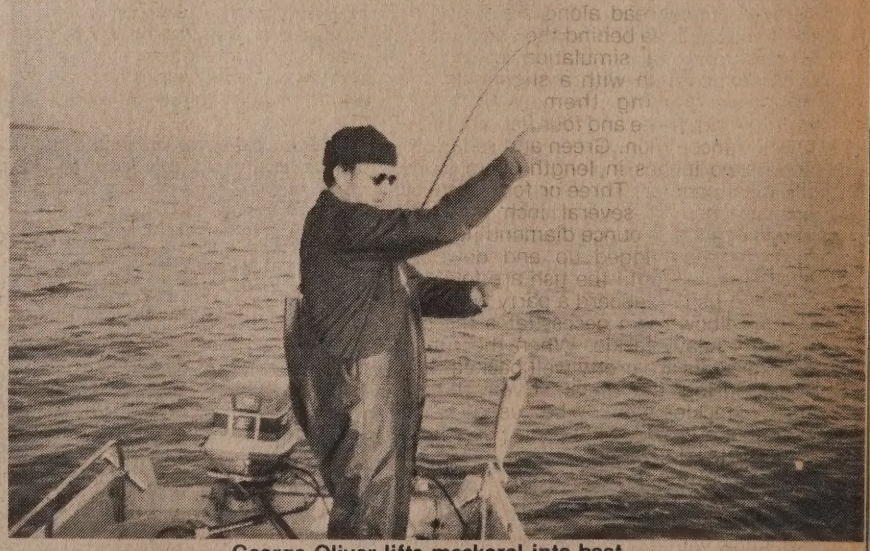
While the mackerel population continues to decline as a result of over harvesting by fishing fleets of foreign nations, the Long Island area enjoyed a very fine run of fish last spring, perhaps the only bright spot on an otherwise dismal season. The fish came early and stayed late, and was a bit reminiscent of the mackerel runs of years gone by. It is a little difficult for the average fisherman to see the decline in the numbers of mackerel. Once into fish, it is merely catching as many as the angler wants, and it is hard to conceive of a scarcity of mackerel. What is obvious however, are the size of the schools. The fish are no longer found in those vast schools that stretch from Deb's Inlet to Jones' Inlet, but smaller pockets of fish scattered over a larger area of water. Whereas schools of fish that once numbered in the millions, now only hold several thousand. Let us hope that in the near future we can restrict and limit the mackerel fishing along the East Coast.

The mackerel is the mainstay of the late spring party boat fleet. The migration of the mackerel up the coast is very timely and it fills in a big gap on the calendar. There is little fishing activity, except for flounders and a few early season weakfish, when the mackerel roll around. Their arrival off the Long Island coast varies slightly from year to year, depending upon the water temperature. Since the fish are moving up from the south, the first spot they usually show up at is south Jersey. Forerunners of the main schools will often show up miles ahead of the main body of fish. For the past few years, the fish moved into the Jersey waters around the middle of April. From there, the fish then move off the south shore of Long Island. The mackerel is a very fast moving fish and there is no gradual build-up; the ocean is empty one day, and the next day the fish are stacked up. Depending upon bait supply and water temperature, the fish will feed along the south shore through most of May before concentrating on their northerly migration.

While most of the big schools will remain off the south shore, small contingents of fish will find their way into Long island. The run of fish in the Sound is not as dependable as that of the south shore, but the fish are easier to locate when they do arrive. Last year, the Sound had all the right conditions, and the fishing was quite good for some time. The first few fish were taken off Mattituck around Easter time last year. A few days later, they poured into the Sound in tremendous numbers. At one point in April, there was a body of fish that spread out from the mouth of Port Jefferson Harbor eastward to the nearly completed Shoreham generating plant. These fish were working the surface along this whole stretch, and at times blackened the paper on the fish recorder. The school then moved westward and provided some very nice fishing through all of May in areas around Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor. There were some fish taken as far west as Fort Totten and Manhassett Bays, but in no great numbers. In early June, the fish moved out, but there seemed to be a pocket of fish that summered in the Sound. There were some taken in mid-July off Hempstead Harbor. The fish moved back and forth across the Sound, and since the bluefish were virtually non existant in the Sound this past summer, they had little to fear.

The mackerel is a relative of the tunafish, and like the tuna has no air bladder. This means that the mackerel must swim perpetually or it will perish. Like all the members of the tuna family, they are extremely strong fish and are superb fighters. One of the biggest problems that most anglers seem to fall in is that they go too heavy on the tackle. The mackerel is basically a tiny fish, some of the heavy roe-laden females

George Oliver works on mackerel with light spinning tackle.



George Oliver lifts mackerel into boat.

may go to four pounds, and that's about the largest.

While some anglers extol the mackerel for its eating values, most find the mackerel a prime source of bait for other species of fish. The mackerel is an oily, strong flavored fish that is forage for virtually every gamefish. In the late 60's when the population of big bass off Long Island was sizeable, live mackerel was a prime bait used by a handful of secretive fishermen. The tail end of the mackerel run usually overlapped with the arrival of the big bass and there was some hot fishing. Lately, the mackerel are usually long gone when the first big bass show up. Up off Massachusetts and Rhode Island, live macks are the primary source of bass bait.

Frozen mackerel is a bait that can be used for just about all gamefish on the Island. For the shark fisherman, frozen mackerel is about the most often used. For the surf fisherman, chunks and strips of mackerel are very effective. Indeed, the mackerel is of more value to the sportsfishermen than it is to the commercial fishing interests.

The mackerel is an extremely voracious fish that feeds heavily on all sorts of small baitfish. Small sand eels and spearing comprise a large portion of its diet. The reason for the extended length of the stay of the fish in the Sound was the enormous quantities of sand eels that arrived early in the season.

Because of their relatively small size, most anglers like to catch more than one fish at a time. The use of tinker tubes has become widespread along the range of the fish. The idea behind the small tubes is apparently a simulation of a tiny school of baitfish with a slightly larger predator chasing them. With this multiple rig, three and four fish at a time are not uncommon. Green and red tubes about two inches in length seem to be the most popular. Three or four of these are attached at several inch intervals ahead of a 3 or 4 ounce diamond jig. The outfit is then jigged up and down at varying levels until the fish are found.

When fishing aboard a party boat, the lack of elbow room necessitates the use of fairly heavy tackle. When the run is on, the boats are pretty well packed, and even during the week. Even though heavy tackle should be used when fishing in a crowd, what some people use is a little ridiculous. I have seen 40 pound outfits brought out mackerel fishing. A good outfit is a 20 pound rig and a fairly light boat rod; a rod like this will allow you to get at least a slight fight from the fish.

Along the south shore, the fish tend to stay a little deeper than their north shore counterparts. Even when fishing from a private boat with plenty of elbow room, 2 or more ounces of diamond jig is needed to get them when they are deep. In the Sound, the fish are found within the first ten feet of water in many instances. Many times the fish will actually be working on the surface, as was the case quite often last year. There were plenty of fish in mid-Sound, and the north shore party boats worked them over pretty good. There were also plenty of fish close enough to the shore to give even the skiff rentals a good shot at the fish. The mackerel were so heavy at times they gave the blackfishermen fits as they repeatedly hit the crab baited hooks as they were raised and lowered.

When the fish are tight to the beach, or are working on the surface, some very fine sport can be had by using light spinning outfits. The macks will hit any shiny lure such as a tiny Hopkins or Kastmaster as well as spoons of any sort. They will also readily accept a bright streamer fly.

These lures are best used on one handed spinning outfits with 6 or 8 pound test mono line. As a rule, a fast retrieve is better than a slower one. Cast out the lure and let it sink for a few seconds if you want to gain added depth of the lure. When the fish are right on the surface, the flyrodders get their licks in. This spring past, a group of flyrodders from Port Jefferson did very handily with the fish using tiny strips of mylar and tin foil with a few strands of bucktail tied on long shank hooks.

The advantage to using these light outfits is the realization of the true strength of the fish. Since you will be using just a single lure, you'll be getting just one fish at a time and you can appreciate the fight without concerning yourself about overloading with fish. Even when you use light tackle you'll still have a full fishbox at the end of the day. What most anglers do today is to go out strictly on a freezer fill-up basis on the initial trip and load up. Subsequent trips are then merely used for enjoyment of this fine gamefish, with little regard for numbers that are kept.

Mackerel like many other gamefish, feed closer to the surface in the morning, and then settle deeper as the day goes on. If this is the case, there are two things you can do to bring the fish up. The first calls for a very thin line of bunker chum. At this time of the year, many tackle shops sell the bunker chum in quart containers expressely for this purpose. This chum is watered down to the consistency of watery soup. It is then ladled over in sparing quantities. If there are any mackerel around, they'll find the source of the chum. This works very well on those glassy clam days that we often get in late May. The other method, though a little more involved, also works well when raising the fish. If you've located some fish in deeper water, have your buddy working a multiple tube rig deep until he gets some fish. Once he has the fish near the boat, leave them there for a while. Mackerel are curious and almost always follow one another when they're hooked. You can then cast the light lures close to the boat, and more often than not other hookups will occur. Once you've got the fish up, they will usually stay there as long as they are not spooked by too much noise or boat traffic.

Whether you plan to make a hearty repast out the mackerel you catch, or plan to feed it to some fat mako, the mackerel is a very important part of the entire food chain of the North Atlantic. If the mackerel goes, the balance of nature will be disrupted seriously. Let us hope that our elected officials realize this and make every attempt at preservation before it is too late.

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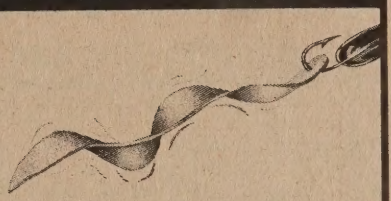

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Techniques for Flounder

by Russ Wilson

Many newcomers to the sport of winter flounder fishing find that it isn't quite as simple as many fishermen and writers make it out to be. Often the experienced flounder angler will be pulling fish as fast as he can get the baited hooks into the water, while the newcomer just sits idly by and wishes and wonders what he is not doing that the successful fisherman is.

Usually it is some small detail that has been overlooked by the occasional fisherman, but one that is almost second nature to the regular at the sport.

Such is the case with the gentle lift and drop technique of bottom fishing for winter flounder.

There are many theories about this lift and drop method. Many fishermen feel the lifting of the sinker enables the angler to feel the soft hitting flounder, while others think the dropping of the sinker causes small puffs of sand or mud which attracts the flounder to the baited hooks.

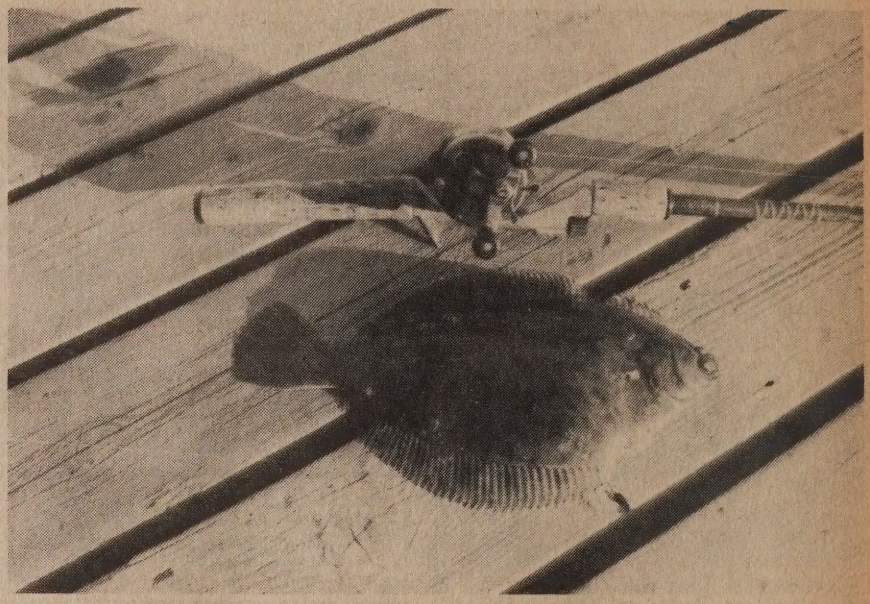
I don't know if either theory is true, but I do know that moving the baited hooks will often result in more hits than when the baits are left stationary in the water. This holds true when fishing for any of the flatfish. The angler who works his baits will always catch more fish than the fisherman who doesn't impart some movement to his offering.

Before getting into the drop and lift method it might be good to mention the type of tackle we normally use for most of our flounder fishing. Either spinning or conventional gear will work, so it is just a matter of personal choice when deciding which you will use.

I happen to prefer conventional type tackle for almost all of my salt water fishing and this also holds true when fishing for winter flounder. Both of my rods are six foot casting sticks that were intended for fresh water bass casting. These rods are classed as "Lunker Sticks" by the Fenwick Company and are rated to handle lines testing from six to fifteen pound. Maximum lure weight is supposed to be one ounce, but I have used the three ounce Hopkins with this rod and haven't found any difficulty in casting.

Any good quality casting reel will do fine. I have used the Ambassadeur 6500 and 5000 with excellent results, but the Penn 900 series, Daiwa Millionaire, or Pflueger reels are all comparable in quality and should work out fine for salt water fishing.

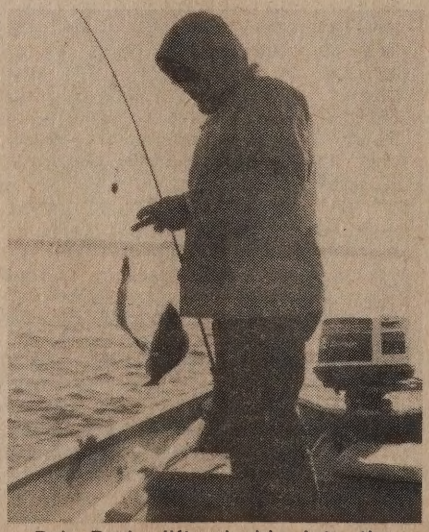
For the past two seasons I have been using Stren 12 lb. line and find that it holds up very well during periods of extreme cold, whereas some of the other lines have a tendency to get rather stiff for casting. I recently spooled one of the reels with the new Trilene in 12 lb. but so far the weather hasn't been cold enough to see just how well this line will work. My guess is that any good line will prove to be suitable but stay away from the cheaper brands. They get so stiff that casting is just about impossible when the temperature drops below the freezing point.



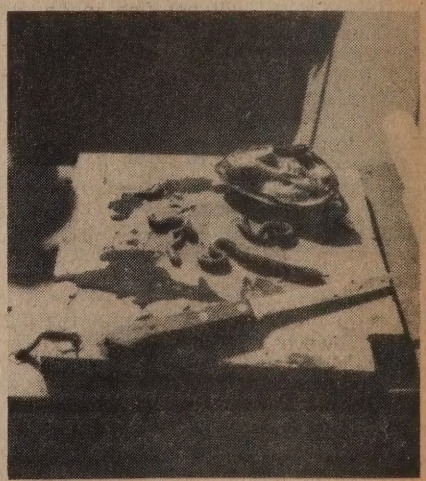
Hooks should be of the Chestertown style in sizes 8 or 10. I have used the Mustad brand of long shanked hooks for years when flounder fishing and have yet to find anything to complain about. Most tackle shops stock good flounder hooks, and often it pays to listen to what the shop owner has to say concerning flounder hooks or tackle.

The simplest way to rig up for winter flounder fishing is to use two hooks. Both should be rigged below the sinker so the baits rest right on the bottom where flounders do all of their feeding.

I make my flounder rigs by attaching one hook to the snell of the other. By making a loop in the snell of one and



Bob Beck, lifts double into the boat. Fish fell for the slow lift and drop back technique.



Baits that prove effective when fishing for the winter flatfish, sand and bloodworm, and fresh shucked strips of clam flesh. Mussels are another very good flounder offering, but often are hard to come by.

inserting the loop of the second, you will have a tangle proof bottom rig that is excellent for flounder. The addition of a third hook above the sinker will often result in larger catches, but for this hook to work you must have some slack in the line so the hook rests on the bottom.

Sinker weight will vary depending on the speed of the tides, but usually an ounce or two will be all that's needed to hold bottom. I use the dipsey or bank style sinkers for most flounder fishing but there are times when the current is running fast and a pyramid will hold bottom better than the other types.

Flounder can be one of the most finicky of all salt water fish. I wouldn't think of trying for flounder without bringing along a selection of baits, for often they will only feed on one bait to the exclusion of all others. Sand or blood worms will be the first choice, but clams or mussels are other baits that are very good for flounder.

On many occasions I have filled a bucket with fat flounders by baiting with freshly shucked mussels while nearby fishermen have been shut-out using worms or clams. However at times I have found the very large flounders seem to prefer a strip of clam over all the other baits combined.

So as mentioned earlier, bring along a potpourri and give the fish a chance to try everything until one bait is found that out fishes the rest.

One other word of caution concerning baits. Often flounder will change their feeding habits from one day to the next, so don't get into a rut where baits are concerned. The bait that worked yesterday may not catch a fish today.

Back to the lift and drop method of flounder fishing.

Two methods of fishing can be employed. One is to quickly lift the baited hooks off the bottom and let them drop sharply back. This causes the sinker to stir up the bottom while at the same time if there is a fish sampling the baited hook, the quick lift will set the hook. It has it's merits, and a good deal of flounder buffs will not fish in any other manner, but as in all types of fishing, it is not the only way.

I much prefer the slow lift and gentle drop back. My feeling is that if a fish is sampling the bait by lifting slowly I can quickly drop the line down so that the fish can get the bait well back into his mouth and be securely hooked. When fishing over bottom that is muddy, as I do when flounder fishing, even a gentle drop will cause the mud to puff out as the sinker hits. These little puffs of mud are supposed to attract the fish to the baits. Whether they do or not is not important. What is however, is that by keeping the baits moving every so often you are assured of feeling a fish even if it doesn't move off with the bait.

Flounders have a nasty habit of sucking the bait into their mouths and just lying on the bottom. Unless the baited hooks are moved every once in a while, you would never know there was a fish on the line.

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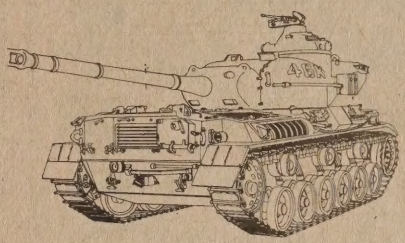

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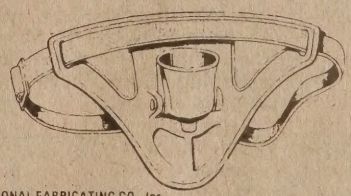

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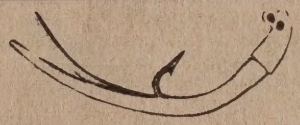

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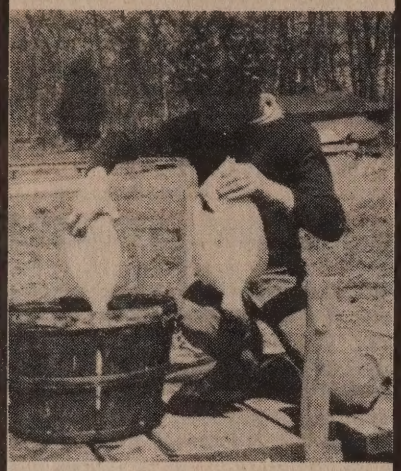

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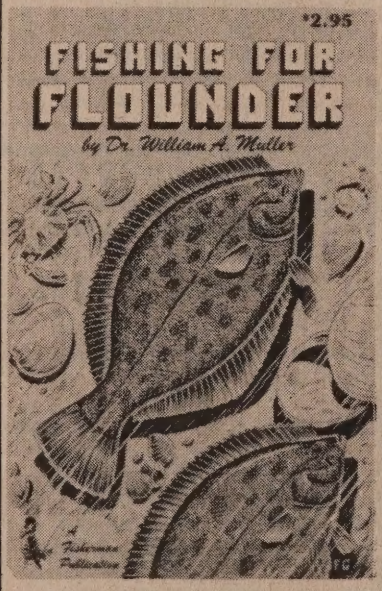

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** terms the fishing off Block Island as "O.K." Most anglers go home with a meal. Hi-hook usually goes around a half dozen cod, with fish running from 3 to 30 pounds. The set lines are still loading up.

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin IV** reported that the codfishing wasn't all that good this week, but one day last week nine men took 140 cod at Cartwright. The catches lately have been between 20 and 50 cod a trip with a few small pollack and hake mixed in. No blackfish have been taken as of yet, but on Tuesday the first snowshoe flounder of the season was taken off Block Island. It could almost be called a "doormat"—it weighed in at 5½ pounds.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** said that the codfishing was slow on Saturday but very good on Sunday when he went offshore to the West End of Coxe's Ledge. The pool fish was a 44 lb. cod and there are loads of 4 and 5 pounders all over the place. A couple of blackfish in the 8-10 lb. class were mixed in, so it looks like the run of big bulldog blackfish should begin shortly as the fish move inshore. Paul said that the next Nantucket Wreck Trip will leave on Sunday night at 9 P.M. on May 8th and return that Monday at 9 P.M. Reservations are a must so give the Captain a call.

Capt. Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** reported that the rod and reel fishing has been poor to middlin' but the set lines are still doing a real number on big fish.

Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** called to say that the boat is back in the water and he will start codfishing shortly.

Pictured are the pool winners aboard the Viking Star on 4/10/77. Felipe Gil with a 32 lb. pollack, Eduardo Garcia with a 54 lb. hake, Eric Hall with a 30 lb. pollack and Cheryl Morgan with a 50 lb. cod.

Ed Bialog Jr. and Sr. and John Ilardo caught these flounders between buoys 16 and 17 in Shinnecock Bay.

NOYAC

Noyac Marina reports the flounders in good and solid. On Saturday, Tony Outerial and pal from Brooklyn took 3 dozen flounders from 1½ to 3 pounds fishing Jessups Neck and the ferry slip with red dyed clams and mussel chum, fishing both tides. Rus (Flounder Belly) Brown, Dan Wong and Albert Haung boated over 100 flounder using sandworms and mussel chum, also fishing the ferry slip. At least 20 of these were 2 pounders, nothing smaller than a pound and a half. Jeff Smith of **Noyac Marina** and Tom Toll of Greenwich Ct., also fished the ferry slip and in a short time had 12 flatties from 1¾ to 2½ pounds. This was all on worms and steamed mussels with mussel chum. Sandworms were also employed.

SHINNECOCK

Captain Clark Bellows Jr. of the **Captain Clark Fleet** called to say that the flounder fishing in the Peconics picked up during the week with Friday an exceptional day, when nine men took over 130 flounder. Carl Vitelli was hi-hook with 21 flounder, largest over 2 pounds. Most of the fish averaged 1d¼ 1½ pounds and sandworms are now out producing bloodworms for the fish in deeper water. Saturday and Sunday's fishing was also very good. Best area has been around buoy 8 off Jamesport and Flanders Bay.

HAMPTON BAYS

Corr's Fishing Station tells us that the flounder in Shinnecock Bay are running strong this week. Most boats averaged 25 fish with some sharp shooters bagging 60-70 fish. Average sizes are 1 to 1¼ pounds with some running up to 2¼ pounds. Best areas are the red buoy in front of **Corr's** and also the Heady Creek area. The ebb is working best with

bloodworms and a lot of mussel chum doing the job. Patience is important but the big fish are worth it.

Mike at **Skipper's Fishing Station** tells us that Doctor and Mrs. Jules Fried and the Isaacs' all of New Rochelle had 53 flounder for the weekend working buoy 31 on incoming with sandworms and mussel chum. On Friday Joe Osterman had 37 flounder with 5 fish over 2½ pounds and ten over 2 pounds. Joe was fishing buoy 31 also. On Wednesday 2 more senior citizens, Joe Armeina and pal J. Balsch of South Hampton had 40 fish over 2 pounds and the grand total of 76. This was also at buoy 31 on incoming, with mussels and worm baits along with plenty of chum.

MORICHES BAY

Seatuck Cove Fishing Station reports that Friday was very good for flounder with hi-hook of the day being a group of three—George and Mike Dumont of Lake Ronkonkoma and Joe Begin of Deer Park, with 60 flounder taken at buoy 45, fish up to 2½ pounds taken on worms and a lot of mussel chum on incoming water. On Saturday, though the wind put things down in the afternoon, anglers Jim Hull and son along with Tom Sebella of Bkly'n boated 50 flounder at buoy 46, up to 1¾ pounds. There were many over a pound and this was on bloodworm and mussel chum. On Sunday hi-hook was 32 fish, 27 for another boat and the others had around 6 to 8 fish due to tide conditions. The fish seemed to be laying to the eastern side of the bay.

Kevin Scott McCormack and his brother Kris caught these large flounders up to 2 pounds out of Skidmore's Fishing Station in front of the Coast Guard Station.

Tadsen's Fishing Station reports that the flounder fishing is poor but some good catches are coming in. The flounder are ranging from 1-2 pounds and can be taken on bloodworms and mussel chum.

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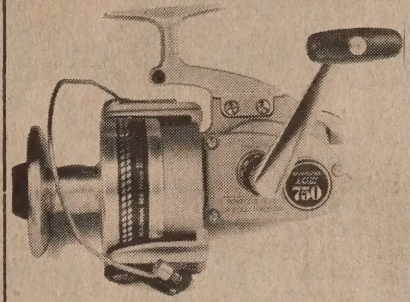

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Ed Wardle Jr. took the pool with this 14½ lb. grouper. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station.

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station says that the flounder were scattered for the weekend, but good catches were still made at buoy 17, 19, and 21. The deep holes must be hit for the best catches. Search—The fish are pocketed up, and they are good sized, one to two and a half pounds. Worm and mussel baits plus plenty of mussel or clam chum are a must or at the very least stir up the bottom. Best is the last of the ebb.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports flounder action has improved as has size, with heavy chumming a must. Best is off Heckscher. The fish are out of the mud and on the feed. Buoys 28, 29 and 30 should be worked now. Small fluke are being taken on the clam dredges, though they are very small and thin. Looks like we'll have an early fluke year.

EAST ISLIP

Don at **Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle** reports that flounders have been taken all this week on the Sailor's Haven flats and the Heckscher flats with the ebb best on bloodworms and clam or mussel chum, on the heavy side. Fish are big.

OAK BEACH

The Store reports the first Cedar Beach run-off. Probably either a bass or big weakfish, but the angler will never know what took his sandworm. The first blackfish was taken this week at the rock jetty between **The Store** and the Sore Thumb. It was a 2 pounder that gobbled a clam offered by "Ski." Flounder is slow. Some mackerel are taken from pound nets which indicates that the mackerel are coming and should be followed by stripers.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports a very big improvement in the flounder fishing. Sal Frega of the Babylon Tuna Club and son Pat took 40 fish between 1 and 1¾ pounds on the Sailor's Haven flats on Friday, using worms, dyed clam and a lot of chum. Sam Labeau and George Scheller of Brentwood fished the buoy 2 area of Heckscher with good results on Thursday. On Sunday Carl Kenyon of Brentwood had 25 flounder between East and West Island in just a few hours on worms and a lot of chum. Carl heard of a couple of fluke taken on the flats by the bay dredgers. He also heard of a gill netter taking six boxes of weakfish on the outside to the east between the pound nets and Ocean Beach.

CAPTREE

The **Captain Joseph Fleet** had good crowds turn out for the beautiful weekend weather. The fish are all big in the 1½ and 1¾ lb. class, but there just isn't enough in quantity and it's been a slow pick all day. Best areas have been in Snake Hill Channel, Dickersons Channel and off Point-Of-Woods.

Captain Ben of the **Captain Ben Litwin** reported that the flounder fishing was very good on Friday with one flounder over 2 pounds but the action was slow on Saturday and Sunday and the boat had to move around the bay a lot to connect with fish. But the nice weather made up for it.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the charterboat **Lady Ann** called to say that he flounder fishing was poor all week with catches ranging from 50 to 100 fish a day. Sunday's action showed some improvement with 153 flounder taken. Some boats reported catching sun dials, a sign of warmer water temperatures, so the fluke may not be too far away. Last year on April 28th, the Lady Ann had their first catch of fluke for the year—175 fish taken by the Robert Moses Bridge.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** was very enthused over the great tilefishing trip the boat made last weekend in the perfect weekend weather. The tilefish started coming over the rails almost immediately and the boat only had to make one drift all day to produce almost 400 giant tilefish for the 49 arm weary anglers. Hi-hook was 14 and many others had 10 to 12 fish. First pool was taken by Joe Parmigiani of Lindenhurst with the monstrous 52 lb. tilefish. Mel Gantman of Jericho took 2nd money of $184, slightly less than a $210 first prize. The tiles averaged all different weights. As the boat drifted into deeper water they just kept getting bigger and bigger. Most were in the 12 to 25 lb. class, many were 25 to 35 lbs. and about a dozen were in the 40s. Capt. Speedy said that the trip was so successful that he is going to run another special offshore tilefishing trip leaving on Sunday night May 1st. Reservations and a deposit are a must, so give the Capt. a call as soon as possible at 516 661-1652.

BABYLON

Hi-Hook Fishing Station reports that Terry Baeseque of Queens along with hise wife had 20 flounder while fishing on Saturday between buoys 4 and 6 in Snake Hill Channel. Bob Duda of Oceanside had 14 flounder on Sunday at buoy 6. Generally the boats are taking 10 to 15 fish per boat with all flounder big and fat. Worm and mussel baits are the ticket along with heavy chumming.

Augie's Bait and Tackle informs us of the big bloodworm shortage this past week, probably due to the tide conditions up in Maine. Using red dyed clam and chumming heavily, Al Lorenzetti and son of Babylon had 15 big flounder from 1½ to 2 lbs 2 oz. fishing Snake Hill Channel. Harry Kirscher, Frank Lofasso and Frank Hardej all of Babylon, had 30 big flounder on Sunday, fishing Dickerson and Bayshore Channels with red dyed clam, worm and mussel chum. The ebb tide was best. This was on "Leak or Two." All in all the local catches are now good and dependable.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle has heard of one weakfish taken at the Amityville Cut this weekend so there is a possibility that the weaks will be in very shortly. Frank Said had one mackerel outside the inlet, whatever that means. Flounder action has been very good with best areas Snake Hill Channel, Good Sam Hospital, the Copiague Hole, Fox Creek and in front of the Lindenhurst Town Beach. Tony the Shoemaker took 30 flounder from one of his secret spots, says John, all keepers. (Where are the small fish?) Any moving water works, with mussel, worm or clam with plenty of chum. Joey G. will be doing his weakfish routine this weekend, so tune in next week for results.

Ed Yackel of **Shore Isle Marina** on Seaford Creek called to say the flounder action is good in his neck of the woods on worms and mussel chum. Four Corners

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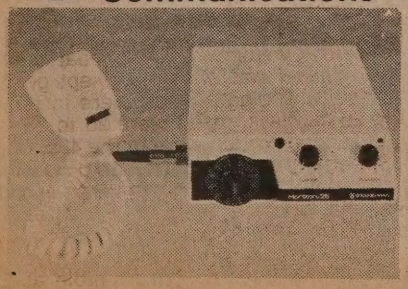
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and the Massapequa Hole produced good catches going a little over 2 pounds.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle says that although Sunday's fishing was a little off, Thursday, Friday and Saturday saw very good flounder catches with some anglers boating up to 100 fish. Activity is from Copiague to Nassau Shores, with fish good size. Snake Hill Channel is producing also. Best baits are mussel, followed by worms, heavy on the chum pot.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle says that the flounder fishing this week has been excellent and fantastic. Chuck Raydel of Merrick and Bob Link of Farmingdale fished sandworms and mussel at Fort Neck Point to the tune of 85 fish. Other boats in the area had good catches also. Heavy chumming is the ticket. West Island is a good spot as was Windy Hook on the ebb this past week.

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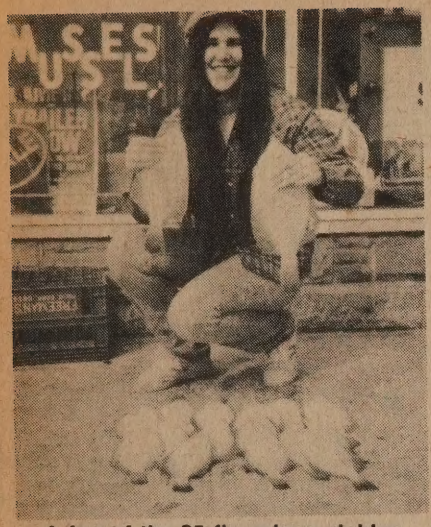

A few of the 25 flounder weighing up to 2 pounds 2 ounces caught by Denise D'Aleo on 3/15/77 aboard the "Sea Egg" out of Freeport. Photo courtesy of Massapequa Tackle and Sport.

Brick House Cove produced but things were only fair at Squaw Island. The State Channel is a zero so far. With bloodworms scarce now, sandworms are being used with good results as are mussels, needless to say. Chumming or stiring up the bottom is a must. The first mackerel hook and line catch of the season was apparently made 7 miles southwest of Fire Island Inlet this week. There is good fast fishing when the pods are located. By Friday, George says he will have green crabs in for blackfish.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports informs us that the flounder fishing is best at Squaw Island with the entrance to Zach's Bay and the third Wantagh Bridge picking up now. Most fish are good sized, with bloodworms and sandworms the ticket with plenty of chum on an incoming tide.

SEAFORD

Salice Boat Basin reports Monday through Friday catches in the 30s and 40s were common on his skiffs, but the count went down on the weekend. Best areas are Massapequa Cove, Four Corners, the third bridge and Squaw Island, with fish running from 1 to 1½ pounds. Worms are best and heavy on the chum. Crabs are starting.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle happily reports that lots of flounder are being caught at Florence Beach, Four Corners and Massapequa Cove all on worms and loads of chum. It is still slow at Squaw Island. Best is one hour on each side of high water.

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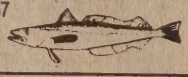

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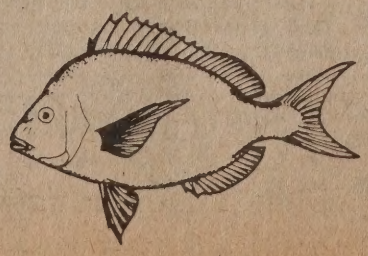

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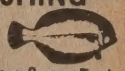

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pounds from Rowboat Alley, fish being ¾ of a pound and up. Heavy on the chum, either mussels or corn. The flounders are everywhere, says Roy, but you must CHUM for results. Also note that the fish are hitting very lightly. They are out of the mud and they are heavy. Also note that flounder fillets in the food stores are not at $3.85 per pound.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station tells us that on Sunday things were slow until late in the day when at the last of incoming those with patience scored well. On Saturday skiffs returned with anywhere from 4 to 70 fish per boat. Broad Creek produced very well with fish in the 1¼ lb. range. Frank and Angelo Stallone came back with a big bucket full. Mussels and worms along with clam chum and mussel chum on incoming tide for best results. Wednesday was a leap job for most of the skiffs. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday saw good action in Swift Creek. In general, many drops are necessary right now, but once you find the fish you'll get quantity.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur St. Fishing Station** reports great flounder fishing this week on worms and mussel chum at Baldwin and Middle Bays, with fish running from 1½ to 2 pounds. Bill Albrecht and wife filled a pail full of flounders up to 1½ pounds on the last of the ebb and the start of the flood on Saturday.

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** reports very good whiting fishing at Ambrose and the BA buoy. The gill netters and trappers are getting mackerel from the Jersey Coast to Jones Inlet.

The **Capt. Al** reports that the flounder fishing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday was very good with fish taken up to 2 pounds. The fishing was done in the Squaw Island area and these flounder averaged ¾ to 1½ pounds. In the morning mussels worked best, but when it warmed up during the day, worms were the bait.

The **Aloma II** did very good on the flounders with catches of 5-8 flounder per man from 1 to 1¾ pounds. The fishing was done in the local fishing grounds around Freeport. The **Aloma** did very well whiting fishing in the Ambrose area. Fares went home with up to a 5 gallon bucket full of whiting in weights up to 4 pounds apiece.

The **Miss Freeport** reports that on Saturday Walter Penn and his charter from Tom Piano Lounge in Queens had a great day with a nice catch of flounder.

Capt. John Grimley will be running the **Aloma** on Saturdays and Sundays for blacks, whiting and ling at 6:30 A.M. If you want to bag up, give Capt. John a try.

Ronnie at **Sea Isle Sports** reports some mackerel in pound nets which indicates that they are at our doorstep. Good flounder activity at Squaw Island on mussels and clam with plenty of chum. Swift Creek is also a good bet.

The **Capt. Lou II** reports very good flounder fishing on Sunday with 50 flatties up to 2 pounds taken by Ed Pavlicek Jr. and his wife from Sunnyside. Swift Creek and Sea Dog Creek produced best with mussel worm combos and plenty of mussel chum. There were 400 fish taken for 17 fares. Saturday was fair with fish running ¾ to 2 pounds, while Tuesday and Wednesday were very good with plenty of double-headers.

Capt. Arnold of the **Shalidon** is bringing up a new boat, a 45' Hatteras with soup-to-nuts, tower, etc. which will be tied up at the **Poop Deck Dock**. See his ad for details.

The charterboat **Sea Egg** sailed on Sunday and taking long 4 mile drifts 2½ miles off Lido Beach jigged whiting on mackerel trees and diamond jigs.

The **Freeport Boatmen's Assn.** reports that all the boats are flounder fishing and that on Saturday the **Capt. Joe** had angler Ray Wagner hi-hook with 15 fish and also pool winner with a 1½ lb. flattie. This was at Squaw Island at the beginning of the ebb. On Sunday the **Atlantic** had the Hi-Hook Fishing Club of West Hempstead out. Mr. Burkle had the 2 lb. pool fish. 70 fish were taken for the day at Sea Dog Creek and Wanser's

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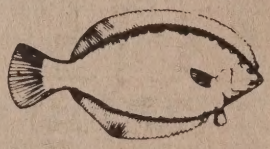

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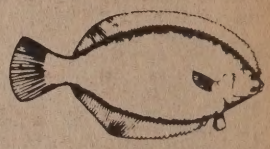

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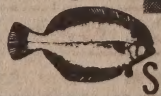

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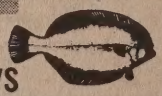

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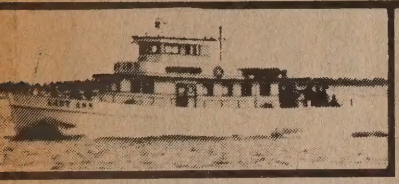

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Anthony's Fishing Station reports Swift Creek and the first bridge are producing well. 60 flounder were taken on Tuesday by Eddy and Frank Munsch of Bellrose at Swift Creek. On Wednesday another skiff brought back 30 good keepers. Anthony says that both sides of low slack seem to be best. All his skiffs did very well all week and weekend except for the windy periods. Worm and clam baits along with mussel chum.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports catches of 2-dozen flounder per boat being taken at Reynold's Channel; buoys 16 and 18, Scow Creek and Jones Inlet; buoys 5 and 7. The flounder are weighing from ¾ to 1½ pounds and are being taken on worms and mussel chum. Since the break in the weather the water is warming and the flounder are really starting to bite.

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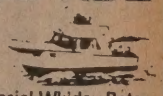
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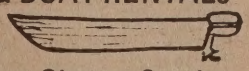

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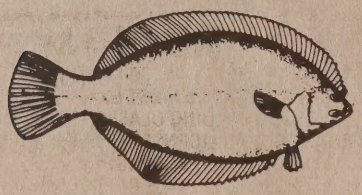

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **New Eagle** reports that on their recent tilefishing trip Sal Otero of the Bronx took a 51½ lb. tilefish which is a possible world record and Vincent Miller of Babylon took a 45 lb. tilefish. Over 500 tilefish were taken on this trip which was from Friday to Saturday. On Sunday, the **New Eagle** had good whiting fishing in the Mudhole area up to 4½ pounds.

The **Dorothy B** reports fantastic whiting fishing at the Ambrose and Scotland areas on Saturday. On Sunday whiting up to 4 pounds were taken in the Mudhole.

The **Flamingo II** reports very good whiting fishing in the Ambrose and Mudhole areas.

The charterboat **High Ball** fished Ambrose Sunday and loaded up with the biggest kind of whiting, which is very strong right now. They also fished one mile west of the BA. Marty says that he is waiting with bated breath (and hooks) for the macks.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports flounder fishing is good in the Great Kills Park area and from the Verranzano Bridge to Tottenville from ½ to ¾ pounds with some over a pound. Stripers are being taken from the Verranzano Bridge to Tottenville on the incoming tide on worms to 6 pounds. Bass have also been taken in the back of Great Kills Harbor but the fishing is slow in this area.

George Bender Jr. of Woodside took this 18" bass and this 1 ½ lb. flounder on bloodworms. Photo courtesy of Cross Bay Bait and Tackle.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

ORIENT POINT

Port of Egypt reported 32 boats out last Saturday and almost everyone of them had some fish. The top boat had 40. Plenty of one pound fish were taken. The best spots were off the abandoned lighthouse on the way to Orient State Park and off the oyster factory (not the restaurant). Plenty of chum was used. Commercial boats have netted mackerel by Orient. Let's hope these fish don't go right by like they did last year.

GREENPORT

The **Wilhelric II** reports very good flounder fishing in all local areas. Flounder were taken up to 3 pounds on mussels and sandworms in up to 40 feet of water.

Dave Green of the **Pooka V** reports fair flounder fishing in the Sag Harbor—Shelter Island area. Flounder have been taken up to a hair over 3 pounds on mussels and sandworms.

Art White of **White's Bait Shop** called in to tell us that the charterboat **Eleanor** and the **Brand X** had great catches of fat flounder off the abandoned light at E. Marion, Cedar Point and the Sag Harbor area.

A.P. White Bait Shop reported very good flounder fishing in all of Gardiner's Bay from Greenport to Cedar Point to south ferry to North Haven. All the boats that went out over the weekend got some fish. Nobody is looking for any blackfish yet though there might be some around. Two commercial guys who tend fish traps got 500 pounds of mackerel last Sunday. These same two went back out and tried to get some more macks on hook and line. We don't know how they made out.

NEW SUFFOLK

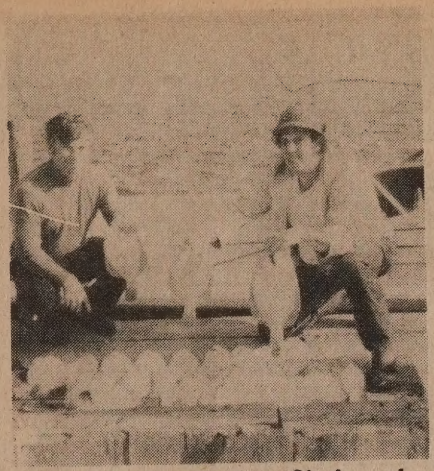
Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that flounder fishing is very good in the South Race, south of Robbins Island. Clint Brown and Carl Major had 120 flounder up to 1½ pounds. Wally Robertson, Doug Gillett and R. Fitzhugh took 155 flounder up to 2 pounds on mussels and worms. Dominic Deranieri and Frank De Stefano took 67 flounder just south of buoy 25.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquabogue reports that flounder are being taken up to 1½ pounds on sandworms and mussel chum at buoy 8.

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Point Fishing Station reports that flounder up to 1¾ pounds and some small blackfish are being taken in Port Jefferson Harbor on sandworms and clams. Mussels and clam bellies are used for chum. Joseph Gentile took a 17 inch rainbow trout at Southaven Park on corn.



Al Stretz and Ken Shafer of Smithtown christened Al's new Grady-White on Wed., March 30th and caught 40 flounder up to 2 pounds in Coecles Harbor. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt.

SELDEN

Ken at the **Angler's Den** said an unusually large amount of flounders were taken along the north shore last week. For some reason the south shore didn't produce much at all. But places like Port Jeff Harbor, Conscience Bay and Mt. Misery Shoals turned out large numbers of fish, some of them real jumbos like the 2 pound 4½ ounce flounder caught by Mark Elf. Several fish over 2 pounds were also weighed in. At Mt. Misery mussels and clams are the baits with chumming a must for decent catches. In the harbors worms and mussels are working. Some school bass were reported taken from Moriches to Shinnecock on plugs. Some small stuff was also caught at the power plant but the best area now seems to be over towards Crab Meadow beach. Everyone is looking for that first north shore blackfish before too long.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reports that a few flounder are being taken in the bay up to 1½ pounds. Sandworms and mussels are the best bait.

PORT JEFFERSON

The **Betty W** reports flounder fishing improving steadily all week up through Friday but Saturday was a little picky. Sunday saw good fishing with the Bent Rod Fishing Club of Flushing scoring with over 100 flounder. Ivan Wax had a 2 lb. pool fish with high hook going to Matty Schwartz with 15 flounder.

Caraftis Fishing Station reports that flounder are being taken up to 3 pounds at buoy 11. Inside the harbor small

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flounder from ¾ to 1½ pounds are being caught on worms. The first blackfish of the season are being caught at the jetties on worms, but the blacks are mostly small.

KINGS PARK

Mae's Way Fishing Station reports that flounder fishing broke loose on Thursday and some good catches have been made. Sal Bruno had over 40 nice flounder on Sunday up to 2½ pounds taken on worms and mussels. Arnold Discarsi had 10 flounder and one eel on worms, taken right in the river in a 8 foot dingy. Joe Argiro and his son Joey Jr. were out on Saturday and Sunday and had a total of 155 flounder up to 2½ pounds taken on worms and mussel chum.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** said his area is loaded with flounders. Some boats had as high as 70 fish for a day's fishing. The best spot for boat fishermen was Little Neck Point in Northport Bay. The best time was from

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two hours before high water down into the outgoing. There's the usual lull at slack water. On Sunday one boat got 55 in two hours then came back in to get more bait. A lot of the boats reported getting doubleheaders. This fishing has been going on now for about one week. A chum pot greatly increases catches. If you don't have a boat, try fishing at high tide from Schudder Beach. Some improvement in the bass picture at Lilco this past week. Lots of boats were drifting or trolling worms with fair results.

HUNTINGTON

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports excellent flounder fishing in Lloyd Harbor, Duck Harbor and at Wincoma Beach. The fish are weighing from ½ to 1½ pounds and can be caught on worms and mussel chum. Large flounder are being caught at Callahan's Beach on worms. Bass are being taken at the Lilco outflow on sandworms at night and small white bucktails in the day. There have been sightings of mackerel in the Sound, and lobstermen are finding blackfish in their pots.

George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** called in to report great flounder fishing in Lloyd Harbor, Duck Harbor, Northport Bay and Huntington Bay. Sandworms are the bait and clam bellies and mussels are the chum. Catches of 40 to 175 flounders from ½ to 1½ are coming in. Flounder are also being taken off Callahans but the quantity is low in that area. George said that the old timers of the area said this is the best flounder fishing they have seen in the last 15-20 years. Mackerel have been spotted in the Sound but no catches have been reported.

Skip at **Huntington Prop and Tackle** called to report that flounder fishing has been excellent with the fish ranging up to 1¾ pounds. The sharpies are dragging their anchor around and then chumming heavily with mussel chum in Northport Harbor, around Duck Island and around the Crescent Beach area. Skip said that he also heard talk of anglers sighting mackerel off Eatons Neck.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports Shop reports that the flounder fishing is slow, but flounder can be taken at the Breakwater and in the mud flats on worms and mussel or corn chum. Return all short flounder to waters to catch another day. Short bass were being caught on white bucktails around the rocky areas around Glen Cove.

BAYVILLE

Pump's Fishing Station reports that flounder up to a pound are being taken ¼ mile to the right of the station on worms. Mackerel have been spotted in the area but no catches have been reported.

CITY ISLAND

Jack at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** said flounder fishing was fair at Rodman's Neck. Some bass were taken on worms fished on the bottom in Turtle Cove. The fish are bigger for this time of year than past seasons. A lot of the bass weighed 5 to 6 pounds.

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	9:31	9:36	10:20	10:33	10:19	10:24	11:11	11:20	12:23	12:45	12:38	1:06	9:29	9:45	4/21
FRI.	10:11	10:13	11:00	11:13	10:59	10:59	11:55	—	12:55	1:20	1:18	1:47	10:12	10:28	4/22
SAT.	10:53	10:56	11:42	11:57	11:41	11:36	12:00	12:40	1:35	2:02	1:59	2:33	10:57	11:13	4/23
SUN.	—	12:38	—	1:30	—	1:26	12:47	2:33	3:17	3:48	3:46	4:21	—	12:47	4/24
MON.	12:41	1:27	1:46	2:24	1:17	2:10	2:37	3:28	4:07	4:39	4:39	5:16	1:05	1:42	4/25
TUE.	1:33	2:23	2:41	3:21	2:08	2:59	3:33	4:23	4:58	5:32	5:35	6:12	1:59	2:38	4/26
WED.	2:31	3:22	3:40	4:20	3:01	3:59	4:33	5:19	5:55	6:31	6:35	7:07	2:59	3:36	4/27
THUR.	3:36	4:27	4:39	5:16	4:09	5:01	5:32	6:08	6:55	7:32	7:30	8:01	3:57	4:30	4/28

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ½hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
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St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

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Newburg	+ 3 42

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Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

4/1	5:43	6:25
4/6	5:35	6:31
4/11	5:27	6:36
4/16	5:19	6:42
4/21	5:11	6:48
4/26	5:03	6:53

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
4/18	4/26	4/4	4/10

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	6:30	**12:35**	6:45	**1:00**
FRI.	7:15	**1:30**	7:40	**1:50**
SAT.	8:05	**2:20**	8:30	**2:45**
SUN.	10:00	**4:10**	10:20	**4:35**
MON.	10:50	**5:00**	11:10	**5:25**
TUES.	11:40	**5:55**	—	**6:20**
WED.	12:05	**6:40**	12:35	**7:00**
THURS.	12:40	**7:20**	1:15	**7:45**

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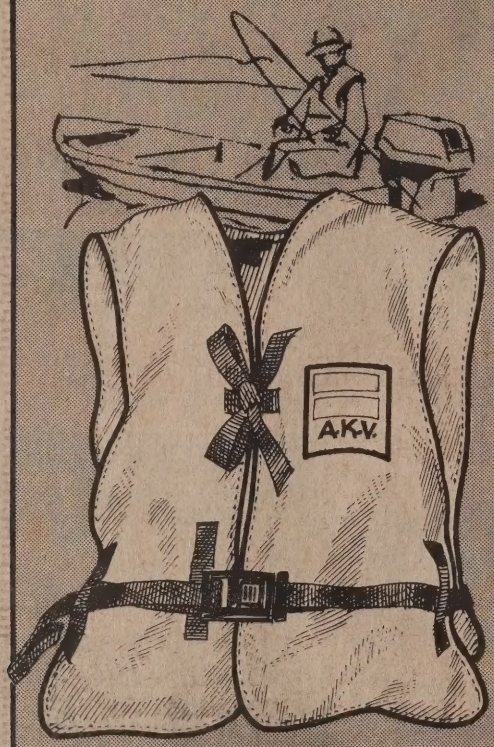

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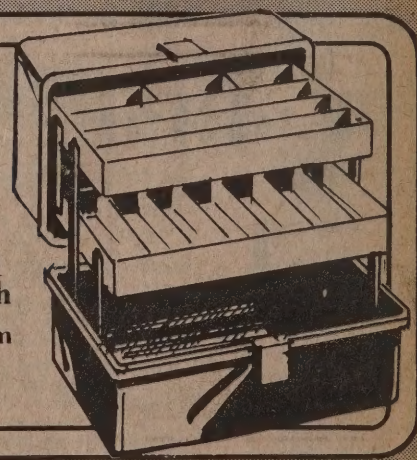

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